

Message from the Director
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Iowa Field Office

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Iowa Field Office is pleased to collaborate with the Iowa Farm Bureau to provide you the latest edition of the *Iowa Agricultural Statistics**. This statistical profile of Iowa's agriculture not only includes state level information but also includes information for every Iowa county.

Enclosed you will find many interesting statistics about Iowa's vibrant and dynamic agricultural industry. I would like to highlight the fact that in the 2008 ranking of states, Iowa ranked number one in:

- Corn Production
- Soybean Production
- Hogs & Pigs inventory & value
- Commercial hog slaughter
- Egg production
- Capacity of on-farm grain storage
- Capacity of commercial grain facilities
- Harvested acreage of principal crops
- Value of Field and Miscellaneous crops

Iowa is ranked number two in:

- Principal crops total value
- Sows that farrowed
- Pig crop inventory
- Red meat production

Only with the support of the entire agricultural industry is the publication and dissemination of agricultural statistics possible. I want to thank the Iowa farmers who completed their questionnaires on inventories and production, the buyers and processors who graciously provided data on their inventories and purchases, as well as all those who supplied analyses that made the *Iowa Agricultural Statistics* possible. It is only with your assistance that NASS is able to complete its mission of providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

Thank you for your support and interest in Iowa agriculture. The Iowa Field Office staff is dedicated to meeting the agricultural data needs of all users. Please contact us anytime with your questions, comments, and requests for information.



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